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REMARKS

Applicants' attorney wishes to express his appreciation for the courtesy of an interview conducted with Examiner Garrett on November 23, 2004.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as being anticipated by Suman. Applicants have amended claim 1 to distinguish the invention over the cited reference. As amended, claim 1 includes, among other things, an actuator to move the second plate-shaped member towards a user's head in the event of impact of the vehicle. Further, limitations regarding the levers to move the second plate-shape member with respect to the first plate-shape member have been added.

Applicants have also added new claim 14 directed to the supporting frame defining a cavity and the levers and actuators are disposed within the cavity. These features are not shown in the cited reference.

Applicants have canceled claim 7 and amended the other claims for minor informalities and for broadening some of the claims.

In view of the above, since none of reference, teach or suggest applicants' claimed invention, it is asserted that claims 1 and 14 and claims dependent therefrom are patentable over the cited references and are asserted to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejection is respectfully requested and an early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

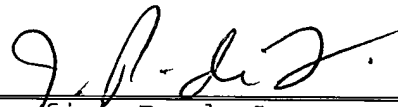
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Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two(2) months through December 9, 2004, in order to timely file this amendment. A check in the amount of \$430.00 is attached herewith for the extension fee.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2105 for any additional fees required to be paid in connection with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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